

Chief of Surgery, Lebanon, Pennsylvania, VA Medical Center, and Kathryn Enchelmayer, Director of Quality Standards, Office of Quality Performance, Veterans' Health Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Randall B. Williamson, Acting Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Depart-

ment of Veterans' Affairs, Springfield; and Steve McCarty, Bedford, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4082–4100; 1 private bill, H.R. 4101; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 246–248; and H. Res. 799–800, 803–805 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1119, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–428);

H.R. 2884, to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–429);

H.R. 3887, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 and to enhance measures to combat forced labor, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–430, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3996, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–431);

H. Res. 801, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3688) to implement the United States-Peru Trade Production Agreement (H. Rept. 110–432);

H. Res. 802, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3355) to ensure the availability and affordability of homeowners' insurance coverage for catastrophic events (H. Rept. 110–433); and

Conference report on H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–434).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cohen to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:06 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces: H. Con. Res. 162, amended, to express the sense of Congress that Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of the Armed Forces, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1041;

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Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007: H.R. 3997, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 1042;

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Expressing the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the tragic fire that occurred in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, on October 28, 2007: H. Res. 787, to express the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the tragic fire that occurred in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, on October 28, 2007;

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Expressing the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding that occurred across many parts of Ohio in August 2007 and commending the communities, volunteer organizations, churches and emergency

response agencies for their continuing work to restore the affected areas across the state: H. Res. 728, to express the support and sympathy of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating flooding that occurred across many parts of Ohio in August 2007 and to commend the communities, volunteer organizations, churches and emergency response agencies for their continuing work to restore the affected areas across the state; **Pages H12766–67**

Expressing the sense of the House with respect to the Boston Red Sox victory in the 2007 Major League Baseball World Series: H. Res. 782, to express the sense of the House with respect to the Boston Red Sox victory in the 2007 Major League Baseball World Series; **Pages H12767–70**

Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007: H.R. 1119, amended, to amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal; **Pages H12770–71**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 36, United States Code, to revise the congressional charter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated, to authorize associate membership in the corporation for the spouse and siblings of a recipient of the Purple Heart medal.”. **Page H12771**

Kendell Frederick Citizenship Assistance Act: H.R. 2884, amended, to assist members of the Armed Forces in obtaining United States citizenship; **Pages H12771–73**

Small Business Programs Act of 2007: H.R. 3866, amended, to reauthorize certain programs under the Small Business Act for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009; **Pages H12773–76**

Kids in Disasters Well-being, Safety, and Health Act of 2007: H.R. 3495, amended, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters and a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 402 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 1043; and

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters, and for other purposes.”. **Page H12800**

Extending the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008: S. 2265, amended, to extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008. **Pages H12782–83**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the existing provisions regarding the eligibility for essential air service subsidies through fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes.”. **Page H12783**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Kucinich announced his intention to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H12776–78**

Privileged Resolution: The House rejected the motion to table H. Res. 799, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 162 yeas to 251 nays, Roll No. 1037. **Pages H12783–86**

Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 799 to the Committee on the Judiciary by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 1039, after agreeing to order the previous question by a recorded vote of 218 yeas to 194 nays, No. 1038. **Pages H12786–88**

Water Resources Development Act of 2007—Presidential Veto: The House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 361 yeas to 54 nays, Roll No. 1040 (two-thirds of those present voting to override). **Pages H12788–98**

Improving Head Start Act of 2007—Motion to go to Conference: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 1429, to reauthorize the Head Start Act, to improve program quality, and to expand access. **Pages H12800–02**

Agreed to the Castle motion to instruct conferees by a yeas-and-nays vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1045. **Page H12805**

Appointed as conferees: Representatives George Miller (CA), Kildee, Woolsey, Davis (IL), Grijalva, Linda T. Sánchez (CA), Sarbanes, Sestak, Loebsack, Hirono, Shea-Porter, McKeon, Castle, Fortuño, Bishop (UT), Keller (FL), Wilson (SC), Boustany, and Heller (NV). **Page H12814**

Question of Consideration: The House agreed to consider H. Res. 794, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 203 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 1044. **Pages H12802–05**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Monday, November 5th:

Congratulating Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France: H. Res. 379, amended, to congratulate Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1046.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Congratulating Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France and welcoming President Sarkozy on the occasion of his appearance before a Joint Meeting of Congress.”.

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Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a yea-and-nay vote of 269 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 1050.

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H. Res. 794, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 182 nays, Roll No. 1048, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 1047.

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Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Putnam motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 158 yeas to 248 nays, Roll No. 1049.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H12742.

Senate Referrals: S. 1347 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H13206–08.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Twelve yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12785–86, H12787, H12787–88, H12797–98, H12798–99, H12799, H12799–H12800, H12804–05, H12805, H12806, H12813, H12813–14, H13198–99, H13199. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Comprehensive Children’s Product Safety and Consumer Product Safety Commission Reform Legislation.” Testimony was heard from the

following officials of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman; and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT OF 2007

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3915, Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2007.

YAHOO’S PROVISION OF FALSE INFORMATION TO CONGRESS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Yahoo! Inc.’s Provision of False Information to Congress. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VIETNAM—HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on Human Rights Concerns in Vietnam. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lofgren, Loretta Sanchez and Smith of New Jersey; Scott Marciel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Southeast Asia, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

USING THE WEB AS A WEAPON

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Using the Web as a Weapon: the Internet as a Tool for Violent Radicalization and Homegrown Terrorism.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the Congressional Review Act. Testimony was heard from John V. Sullivan, Parliamentarian, House of Representatives; Mort Rosenberg, Specialist in American Public Law, CRS, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

MANAGING ARSON THROUGH CRIME HISTORY (MATCH) ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime approved for full Committee action H.R. 1759, Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act of 2007.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this measure. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bono and Schiff; Tracy Pansini, Fire Chief, Burbank Fire Department, Burbank, California; and William M. Soqui, Fire Chief, Cathedral City Fire Department, Cathedral City, California.